

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S509–S538*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 539–573, and S. Res. 80–85. **Pages S531–32**

**Measures Passed:**

**Improving Access to Our Courts Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 227, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and the bill was then passed. **Page S538**

**National School Counseling Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, designating the week of February 6 through 10, 2023, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S538**

**Rare Disease Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, designating February 28, 2023, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S538**

**National Assistive Technology Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, designating March 1, 2023, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”. **Page S538**

**Guzman Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S516–17**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 31), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S517**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, post-cloture, followed by the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination

of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 30, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”; and that at 4 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, and upon disposition of the joint resolution, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S517**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. **Page S538**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 26), Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S511–12**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 28), Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S513**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S513**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 30), Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 29), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S525**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S525**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—31) **Pages S512–14, S516–17**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S538.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the conflict in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Angela Stent, Georgetown University Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Dara Massicot, RAND Corporation, and Lieutenant General Keith Kellogg, USA (Ret.), Center for American Security America First Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

### ADVANCING NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing national security and foreign policy through sanctions, export controls, and other economic tools, including S. 168, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the

United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, after receiving testimony from Daleep Singh, former Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, Clay Lowery, Institute of International Finance, former Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and former Director of International Finance, Department of the Treasury and National Security Council, and Kevin Wolf, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, former Assistant Secretary of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Equal Rights Amendment, focusing on how Congress can recognize ratification and enshrine equality in our Constitution, after receiving testimony from Senators Cardin, Murkowski, and Hyde-Smith; Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Springfield; Kathleen M. Sullivan, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart and Sullivan, LLP, Los Angeles, California; Thursday Williams, ERA Coalition Board Member, Hartford, Connecticut; Jennifer C. Bracer, Independent Women's Law Center, Concord, Massachusetts; and Elizabeth Price Foley, Florida International University College of Law, Miami.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.